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### Burmaster awards \$5.8 million in federal charter school grants

*Funding includes planning grants for 10 new charter schools and support for 40 existing charter schools*

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced \$5.8 million in federal funding to support a third round of charter school grants for planning, implementation, and dissemination activities during the 2007-08 school year.

“Charter schools are one way our school districts can attain the goals of our New Wisconsin Promise: ensuring a quality education for every child, raising achievement for all students, and closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students, students of color, and their peers,” said Burmaster. “We continue to support grants for charter schools in Wisconsin that provide appropriate programming to help students achieve more.”

In 2005, Wisconsin received a \$52 million, three-year federal competitive grant to expand the number of charter schools in the state and nation. This third round of grants for the 2007-08 school year provides funding for

- 10 planning grants, totaling \$100,000, to help plan new charter schools;
- 24 implementation grants, totaling \$3,577,370, for first-year operations of new charter schools;
- 4 implementation renewal grants, totaling \$600,000, for charter schools in the second year of operation;
- 9 dissemination grants, totaling \$1,150,000, and 3 dissemination renewal grants totaling \$359,217, to enable established charter schools to share best practices with other charter schools.

Total grant awards for the 2007-08 year are \$5,786,587. Recipients are eligible for supplemental funding based on their grant requests and success with the initial charter grant allocation.

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Charter schools are public schools that are accountable to their authorizing agency for performance measures included in the charter contract. Charter schools must employ licensed teachers, involve parents, administer statewide tests, and comply with federal regulations that govern all public schools. Under state law, school districts can authorize an unlimited number of charter schools. In addition, the City of Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and University of Wisconsin-Parkside, have authority to charter schools. Wisconsin currently has 232 charter schools in operation.

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**NOTE:** A list of charter grants follows. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008\\_08.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_08.pdf).

# Charter School Grants

2007-08 Fiscal Year

## Planning Awards (10)

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Appleton Area School District  
*Appleton Construction Career Academy, \$10,000*

Baldwin-Woodville Area School District  
*Baldwin-Woodville Charter School, \$10,000*

Green Bay Area School District  
*Green Bay Alternative High School, \$10,000*

Green Lake School District  
*Green Lake Global and Environmental, \$10,000*

Holmen School District  
*Ventures Charter School, \$10,000*

Marshfield School District  
*Agriculture, Construction & Engineering (ACE), \$10,000*

Milwaukee Public Schools  
*Milwaukee Business High School, \$10,000*

Ripon School District  
*Crossroads Charter School, \$10,000*

Wisconsin Rapids School District  
*Mead Elementary School, \$10,000*  
*Vesper Elementary Charter School, \$10,000*

## Implementation Awards — Initial (24)

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Beloit Unified School District  
*Eclipse Center, \$150,000*  
*Roy Chapman Andrews Academy, \$150,000*

Butternut School District  
*Promethean Charter School, \$150,000*

Cumberland School District  
*Island City Research, \$150,000*

Glidden School District  
*Glidden Class ACT Charter School, \$150,000*

Janesville School District  
*TAGOS, \$150,000*  
*Janesville Virtual Academy, \$150,000*

Kenosha School District  
*Harborside Academy, \$150,000*  
*Technology Enhanced Curriculum, \$150,000*

Ladysmith-Hawkins School District  
*Ladysmith-Hawkins Health Care Academy, \$150,000*

Manitowoc School District  
*Manitowoc County Comprehensive Charter, \$150,000*

Mellen School District  
*Mellen Technology Charter School, \$150,000*

Mercer School District  
*Mercer Environmental Tourism Charter School, \$150,000*

Merrill Area School District  
*Adult Diplomacy Academy, \$150,000*

New London School District  
*New London School of Enterprise Marketing, \$150,000*

Oconto School District  
*Oconto Literacy Charter School, \$150,000*

Oconto Falls School District  
*Oconto Falls New Path Charter, \$127,370*

Oshkosh Area School District  
*Jacob Shapiro Brain Based, \$150,000*  
*Franklin Key to Learning, \$150,000*

Rhineland School District  
*Environmental Stewardship Academy, \$150,000*

Sheboygan Area School District  
*A 2 Charter School, \$150,000*  
*Elementary School of the Arts and Academics, \$150,000*

Wauwatosa School District  
*Tosa School of Health, Science and Technology, \$150,000*

Winter School District  
*Winter Charter School, \$150,000*

## Implementation Renewal Awards (4)

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Appleton Area School District  
*Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School, \$150,000*

Kenosha School District  
*eSchool, \$150,000*

Oshkosh Area School District  
*Merrill Elementary Healthy Living Charter School, \$150,000*

Sauk Prairie School District  
*Merrimac Community Charter School, \$150,000*

## Dissemination Initial Awards (9)

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Appleton Area School District  
*TESLA Engineering School, \$125,000*  
*Valley New School, \$125,000*

Hayward Community School District  
*Waadookodaading Immersion Charter School, \$100,000*

Oshkosh Area School District  
*East High Charter School, \$125,000*  
*ALPs Charter School, \$125,000*

Milwaukee Public Schools  
*Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA), \$150,000*  
*Hmong Peace Academy, \$150,000*  
*Humboldt Park Charter School, \$150,000*

Rhineland School District  
*Northwoods Community Secondary Charter School, \$100,000*

## Dissemination Renewal Awards (3)

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Oshkosh Area School District  
*Oshkosh Oakwood Environmental Center, \$125,000*

Portage Community School District  
*River Crossing Environmental Charter School, \$84,217*

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District  
*Academy of Learning, 21st Century Skills Model, \$150,000*